

Dear FCC Commissioners: Thank you for recently taking a strong stand regarding the proliferation of profane and obscene materials being aired on various radio stations. However, I am strongly opposed to the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160. I am an XM Satellite Radio subscriber. I benefit greatly from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its entertainment, traffic and weather channels. Satellite radio provides the kinds of variety and quality that I do not find elsewhere. I willingly pay for these services and find it unconscionable that the NAB is again attempting to dictate what market content I am permitted to hear. I am not referring to what I and the Commission regard as objectionable material. How and from whom I hear local traffic and weather conditions should not be within the NAB's domain. The Association's complaints are NOT about the public interest, they are about market share of their members' stations and their members' ability to make a greater profit from advertisers based on market share, producing more profit for the NAB. Profit is not a dirty word in our society. Neither is competition. But, clearly, the NAB simply wants to kill innovative competition. This attempt by the NAB is not in the public interest, is out of step with our progressive society and threatens to subvert the public trust. XM and other satellite radio producers are providing needed and wanted services that the public is ready, willing and able to support. Please recognize just who it is asking the Commission for competitive protection. It certainly is not the public. In fact, the time has arrived that the public trust needs to be protected from the NAB. Thankfully, there was never a National Association of Gas Lighting group constantly lobbying the federal government to kill electricity. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to have the vision to support the ability of XM and other free-market, innovative satellite radio providers to continue providing the kinds of programming that I demand and deserve.